

# THE GIRLS ARE MORE INTO CATFIGHTS THAN CATWALKS

## A bunch of FIVES

Pictures: WWE INC.

### Michelle

**Age:** 21  
**From:** Florida  
**Career highlight:** The former schoolteacher, left, says she went into wrestling to teach men about the birds and the bees and carries a cane to punish those who cause problems in class.

### Candice

**Age:** 24  
**From:** Milwaukee  
**Career highlight:** Candice, right, once knocked out a referee in the ring and became famous across the US by baring all in a TV parody of Janet Jackson's famous "wardrobe malfunction".

### Maria

**Age:** 23  
**From:** Illinois  
**Career highlight:** Maria is the locker room correspondent for WWE and regularly gets strangers in the crowd to snog with her roving "Kiss Cam".

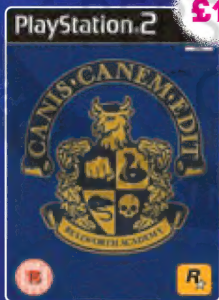
### Torrie

**Age:** 26  
**From:** Idaho  
**Career highlight:** Torrie took part in the most-purchased match on WWE24/7 online - a bikini contest against Sable back in 2002 in which she wore a micro-bikini that has gone down in WWE history. The pair sealed the match with a steamy kiss.

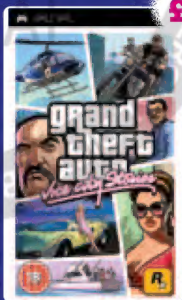




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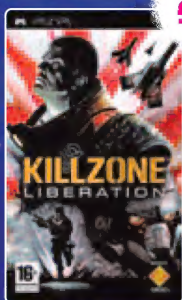
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## ALAN FRANK'S back ROW

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# Get

STARTER FOR TEN (12A)

**THIS witty, hugely entertaining comedy about student life hits the comic jackpot dead centre.**

It revolves around working class Essex boy James McAvoy who wins a place at Bristol University.

When he tells his mate Dominick Cooper he's been accepted, his triumph is greeted with the comment that he's going to "sit on your arse for three years reading poetry".

Not so - life-long quiz nerd McAvoy soon proves Cooper wrong as, in true college tradition, he spics learning with more important priorities such as booze and women and, especially, getting onto Bristol's team for TV's University Challenge.

McAvoy has a rather easy time convincing twittish toff team captain Benedict Cumberbatch he's made of

## Breaking is boring

BREAKING AND ENTERING (15)

WRITER-director-producer Anthony Minghella is lucky that he had Juliette Binoche on board.

She plays a Bosnian refugee whose teenage burglar son keeps robbing fashionable architect Jude Law, who then retaliates by bedding Binoche.

She gives the only good performance in an oh-so-fashionable, but inept, hollow drama.

Shots of London's King's Cross being revamped as the terminus of the Channel Tunnel rail link are more interesting than anything that happens in front of them.

Law puts a lot but just can't cut it. Robin Wright-Penn wasted her time (and ours) coming from America to play his live-in lover.

And Ray Winstone's a bad joke as a comic cop in a waste of film you'll switch off if it ever makes it to TV.

VERDICT: 2/10



WASTED TRIP: Robin and Jude

UPLIFTING: Scarlett gives a memorable supporting act

## Brilliant box of tricks



MAGICAL: Hugh Jackman

THE PRESTIGE (15)

"A REAL magician tries to invent something new that other magicians are gonna scratch their heads over," says expert Christian Bale. That makes Christopher Nolan, director and co-writer of this compelling thriller, a classic movie magician.

Even if you keep your eyes wide open and your wits about you, as advised by Michael Caine's canny inventor of stage illusions, the chances are Nolan will fool you.

Turn-of-the-century London magicians, suave sophisticated Hugh Jackman and working-class hardman Bale start off as colleagues only to

end up as vicious no-holds-barred rivals for fame and fortune after an appalling fatal accident on stage.

Jackman and Bale are superb, Caine gives his best performance in ages, David Bowie makes a magical impression as an oddball American electrical genius and Scarlett Johansson's bra deserves the Supporting Oscar.

Nolan pulls one ingenious rabbit after another out of his cinematic hat and brilliantly bamboozles you time and again right up to the gobsmacking climax. He fooled me and I had my eyes skinned; next time I see it, maybe I'll get it right.

VERDICT: 9/10

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# ROMP GIVES LESSON IN LAUGHS

## Quizzical! NERD HAS THE ANSWERS

the right stuff, but has less success in his close encounters of the romantic kind with either sexy Alice Eve or cute but deeply serious Rebecca Hall.

First-time director Tom Vaughan's 1980s-set rom-com has a funny, sharply characterised script packed with good gags and spot-on casting.

### Lust

McAvoy is terrific as the gleefully corrupted innocent. Delicious Eve (daughter of Trevor), playing his gorgeous team-mate and

object of lust is like a young, talented Joanna Lumley, while Hall holds her own as a campus protester.

Charles Dance and Lindsay Duncan get their kit off and hilariously scare Our Hero rigid during a doped up Christmas and you'll find yourself hooting with laughter at the wicked impersonation of original University Challenge presenter Bamber Gascoigne by Mark Gatiss.

Gatiss alone is worth paying to see in this lively laugh-a-minute British comedy which is a not-to-be-missed pleasure.

**INNOCENT:** James McAvoy as the student who gives in to the temptations of life at university

**9 OUT OF 10**



## ALSO SHOWING



HE'S BEHIND YOU: The monster pounces in *The Host*

## Tadpole's a terror hit

### THE HOST (15)

A HIGHLY enjoyable vein of broad comedy and crazy characterisation runs through this cracking Korean monster movie.

But, happily, humour never dilutes a classy shocker which does the business superbly when it comes to thrilling and chilling.

It's an immensely entertaining throwback to 1950s monster movies, with pollution rather than nuclear radiation being blamed for the gigantic mutant tadpole-like creature that abruptly erupts from the river and goes on a wild rampage in Seoul.

The special effects that bring the galloping, people-gulping big beast to all-too-convincing lethal life are first rate. A tangy flavouring of political satire gives the man-versus-monster show an engaging edge and a good scary time is had by all.

VERDICT: 8/10

**TWELVE AND HOLDING (15)**  
FANCY another melodramatic coming-of-age saga that goes behind small-town USA's picket fences and reveals the seething shenanigans they conceal?

Then this lurid show should do the trick nicely. Its heady ingredients include arson, murder and a

12-year-old girl's attempt to seduce a thirtyish construction worker. And, remember, it's not over till the fat lady sings!

VERDICT: 5/10

**PURITAN (12A)**  
MURDER, mystery, heavy helpings of galloping pretension and

near-adequate acting are the hallmarks of an over-stylised thriller with supernatural overtones.

Ex-TV cop David Soul (of *Starsky and Hutch* fame) turns up – but not for long – and while eerie atmosphere is laid on in spades, real scares are few and far between.

VERDICT: 4/10

### UK TOP 10

1 (-)	BORAT	£6,242,344
2 (1)	SAW III	£1,403,657
3 (2)	STEP UP	£696,369
4 (3)	THE DEPARTED	£556,823
5 (5)	THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA	£460,062
6 (4)	OPEN SEASON	£402,941
7 (6)	BARNYARD: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS	£355,612
8 (-)	SIXTY SIX	£292,295
9 (8)	HISTORY BOYS	£176,329
10 (-)	LITTLE CHILDREN	£158,012

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### US TOP 10

1 (-)	BORAT	\$26,455,463
2 (-)	THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE	\$19,504,038
3 (-)	FLUSHED AWAY	\$18,814,323
4 (1)	SAW III	\$14,805,871
5 (2)	THE DEPARTED	\$17,722,388
6 (3)	THE PRESTIGE	\$7,505,268
7 (4)	FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS	\$4,419,657
8 (7)	MAN OF THE YEAR	\$3,665,580
9 (5)	OPEN SEASON	\$2,968,832
10 (-)	THE QUEEN	\$2,909,966

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### DVD TOP 10

- (-) ICE AGE 2: THE MELTDOWN
- (-) THE OMEN 666
- (-) X-MEN: THE LAST STAND
- (-) AN UNFINISHED LIFE
- (1) THE DA VINCI CODE
- (3) POSEIDON
- (4) V FOR VENDETTA
- (10) HOSTEL
- (7) FIREWALL
- (5) SILENT HILL

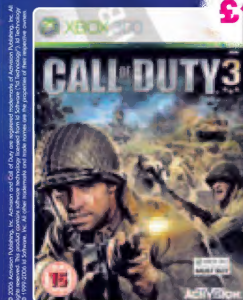
### COMING SOON

**NEXT WEEK:** Welcome the latest James Bond, played by Daniel Craig, who battles to stop a banker winning at a casino tournament and using the money to finance worldwide terrorism in the eagerly-awaited action thriller *Casino Royale*.

**THE WEEK AFTER:** The humour's wild and the rock music's even wilder when naive Jack Black teams up with guitar-playing slacker Kyle Glass in a zany band – and the pair then set out to rob a rock 'n' roll museum in the ace comedy *Tenacious D In The Pick of Destiny*.

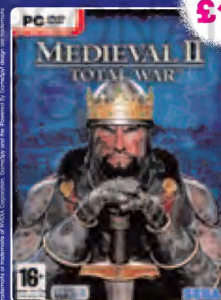
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## TAKE IT HOME



# Tough Break

■ by PHIL BOUCHER

**WHEN Brooke Meyers dumps her boyfriend, she hopes the threat of singledom will change his slobbish ways.**

But it massively backfires and bus driver Gary Grobowski instead becomes even more of a couch potato.

Before long, the warring ex-lovers are plotting against each other with side-splitting consequences.

To see who wins the comedy battle of wills, you can rent *The Break-Up* on DVD from Monday, November 13.

Should you not be able to wait that long to see Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn fight it out, we've got 10 copies of *The Break-Up* to give away, courtesy of Universal Pictures.

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## Alan Frank's Verdict

### TOP TIP

THE BREAK-UP (12) (UNIVERSAL DVD)

THERE had been such a tidal wave of media hype about Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn's "are they or aren't they having a real-life romance?" that it might have come as a shock to find out that they'd been having a fictional film affair as well.

Mind you, it's more a nonromcom than a rom-com.

Jen and Vince live together in a rather pricey Chicago flat but their once-happy relationship has soured.

Now he's a super-slob who likes video games and baseball while she just wants him to appreciate her more.

The problem is neither

want to move out, since they are co-owners of their apartment.

So they settle for giving each other a hard time, making efforts to get the other to leave first in an often-painfully (and I mean painfully) very funny anti-romantic riff on *The Odd Couple*.

Vince (who also contributed to the story) plays a selfish slob to perfection, while Jennifer is far, far better than she's ever been before in her film career.

And it's nobody's fault that Judy Davis ruthlessly steals her every scene as Aniston's bizarre gallery owner boss.

So if you want a tart, cheerfully-cynical comedy full of embarrassment, this is perfect for an amusing night in.

VERDICT: 8/10

## ALAN FRANK'S DVD SLOT

### BEST OF THE REST

**BARRY NORMAN'S INTERACTIVE FILM QUIZ (E) (LIBERATION DVD)**

DO you fancy yourself as an expert film buff? Then put yourself and all the family (and why not?) to the test and pit your wits and knowledge of the movies against each other with this super interactive quiz.

Your host for your memory workout – and there's never been a better presenter of any film show on television – is screen legend Barry Norman, who made the BBC's film review programme unmissable from 1972 to 1998.

Barry entices you with clips from famous blockbusters, great musicals, Hitchcock thrillers like *Psycho*, *The Birds* and *Dial M for Murder*, epics like *Gladiator* and great thrillers such as *The Bourne Identity*.

Do you know all about films? Then why not go interactive and see if you're right.

VERDICT: 8/10

### FAMILY CHOICE

**THE LITTLE MERMAID (U) (WALT DISNEY DVD)**

DISNEY made a big splash with this animated feature of the Hans Christian Andersen fairytale about a mermaid princess who sacrifices her singing voice for legs so that she can romance a human prince.

The well-deserved success of the superbly animated movie – which also won Oscars for Best Musical Score and Best Original Song (*Under the Sea*) – revived the studio's animation division.

Ariel the teenage princess (sweetly voiced by Jodi Benson) makes an enjoyably feisty heroine, especially when, having made it to dry land, she has to make tough decisions to save her father's underwater kingdom, which is under threat.

Actress Pat Carroll makes the wicked witch Ursula well worth hissing.

VERDICT: 7/10

### BEST BUY

**ST TRINIAN'S BOX SET (U) (OPTIMUM DVD £29.99)**

RUPERT Everett is reportedly going in drag to play Millicent Fritton, the harassed headmistress of the notorious St Trinian's School for Girls. But why wait when you can laugh yourself silly with four of the original classic comedies?

Keep your eyes peeled to spot future Carry On star and landlady of the Queen Vic, Barbara Windsor, among the girls during the comic capers of *The Belles of St Trinian's* – and the wild lasses go wilder in *Blue Murder at St Trinian's*.

The belles of the fourth form are back and bawling fit to bust again in *The Pure Hell of St Trinian's*, while the series bursts into glorious Technicolor when the girls rout luckless crook Frankie Howerd in *The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery*.

VERDICT: 8/10



A prediction for the week. Christy Hemme will be the first TNA Women's Champion. Not Gal Kim. So there.

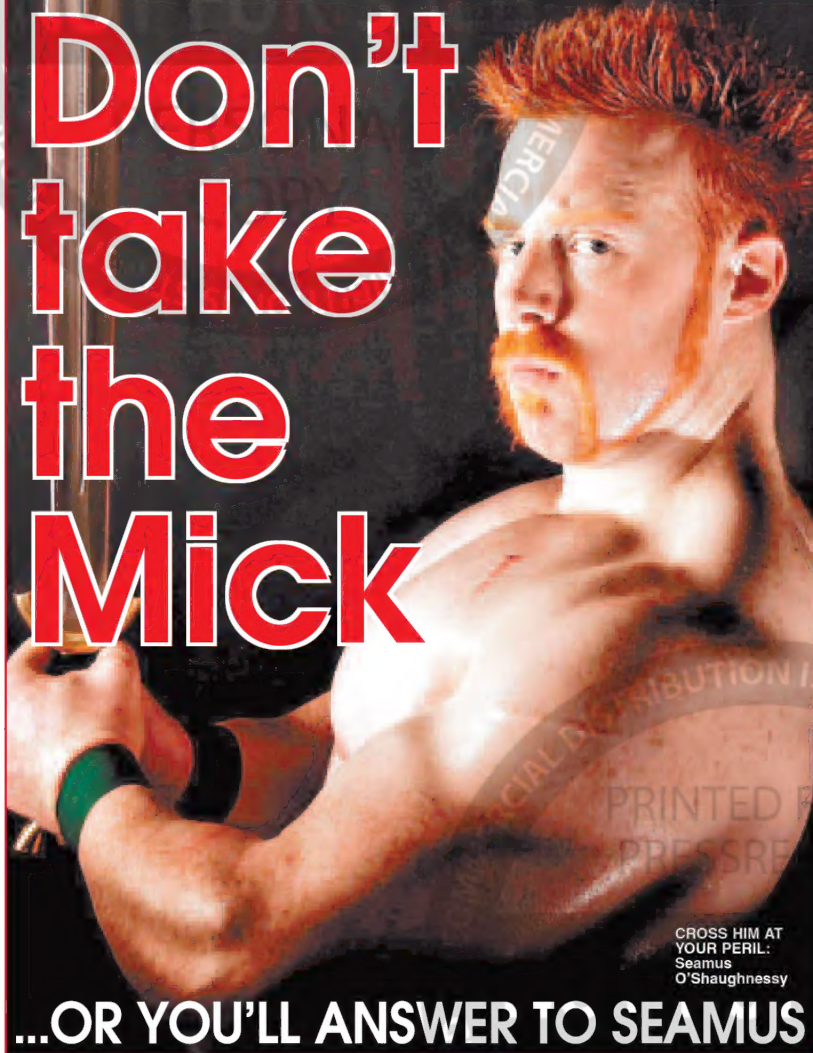
# FIGHTIN' TALK

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## Don't take the Mick



CROSS HIM AT YOUR PERIL:  
Seamus O'Shaughnessy

...OR YOU'LL ANSWER TO SEAMUS

**WWE are in the thick of their Survivor Series tour this week, hoping to again cash in on British fans' fervour for their product.**

The Tag title change at Cyber Sunday was a refreshing surprise, and Nitro nicking the IC title from Jeff Hardy on RAW means we've at least seen a bit of ebb and flow this week.

Some might think it'll be as you were in terms of the gold when they jet off next Wednesday! We can all remember the Regal tag team tease the last time we had TV in Manchester. Having Flair and Piper as tag champs kills the Spirit Squad stone dead. Legends they certainly are, but in an athletic contest, two guys whose combined age weighs in at over a ton kicking the arse off the young fit blokes does SS no favours.

Split 'em and let Ken Doane et al show us what they are made of. King Booker rules Smackdown, Cena still has his belt, although his machinations with Federline take the rub off him, and Show will not

### EXCLUSIVE

be ECW Champion when he emerges from the Elimination Chamber. Smart money is on Sabu, or Test from where FT sits.

Pairing DX with Edge and Randy Orton is a fine plan, which offers WWE plenty of potential main event material until the New Year.

Whenever the planet's biggest wrestling show heads here, opportunity knocks for a few lucky locals.

Jobbing in dark matches is the order of the day, but I'm sure Charlie Rage enjoyed his Wembley outing against Big Show.

#### Impact

For many wrestlers, it's a valuable shot at the big time. Burchill and Nikita were being picked up on tour. Irish Curse Seamus O'Shaughnessy plans to follow them. Mike Bucci has hired him for the show on Monday in Manchester, and the 6ft 6in Dubliner plans to make an impact.

As you can see from my exclusive pictures, he's certainly got the look. It doesn't take a crystal ball to imagine him tagging with Dave Finlay

very soon on Smackdown - just like Burchill and Regal last year.

He tells me: "Frankly, I'll fight anyone given a shot. Most of my wrestling heroes have long since retired, but as an Irishman I love Finlay to his bones. I'd rather be on his side fighting against the likes of HHH & Sean Michaels (DX), now that would be a brawl!"

And he doesn't want to go the way of the plastic Paddy either. He growls: "Pop culture has painted us as Guinness-soaked, potato-eating stereotypes living in thatched cottages smoking pipes. The essence of SOS stems from readdressing this to become a positive cultural icon."

FT doubts WWE Creative will see it those terms, but good luck pal!

This week sees the build-up to Survivor Series, so expect Cena and Show to be bouncing off each other. Flair and Piper must defend, as will Nitro and Lita, perhaps for the last time on PPV?

RAW and ECW are at the Nottingham Arena tonight, at Butlin's Minehead tomorrow and in Birmingham on Sunday. They're on TV at MEN Manchester on Monday and Smackdown is on Tuesday.



### Brits' aim is just quality

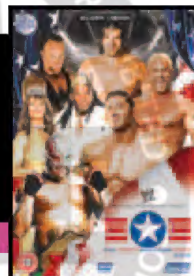
THERE have been lots of calls over the years for Britain's many promoters to unite under one banner and strengthen the industry. Moves are afoot under the label "RQW" or "Real Quality Wrestling". Len Davies is the man behind the project.

The idea is to promote decent British wrestling shows with high quality in ring performance and top production values under the banner of RQW. If promoters rally to the cause British wrestling just might gain momentum.

The first RQW event is on tomorrow night in London's York Hall, Bethnal Green (tix 08712200260). Doug Williams and Martin Stone are the main event on a card, also featuring Pac, The Pukka One Darren Burridge and James Tighe. There'll be one a month there from now.



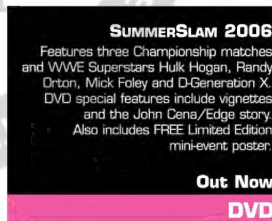
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(S) 42588478 <b>3.15 Castle In The Country</b> With Nicki Chapman. (W) (S) 739381 <b>3.45 Flog It!</b> (W) (S) 1029381 <b>4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook</b> With Tony Tobin. (W) (S) 6991923 <b>5.15 Weakest Link</b> Quiz, hosted by Anne Robinson. (W) (S) 3952045 <b>6.00 Sudo-Q</b> Quiz show. (W) (S) 749 <b>6.30 Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two</b> (W) (S) 229	<b>6.10 The Hoobs</b> (AD) (R,S) 3552720 <b>6.35 The Hoobs</b> (AD) (R,S) 3692107 <b>7.00 Freshly Squeezed</b> 96045 <b>7.30 Friends</b> (AD) (R,S) 4668519 <b>7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond</b> (R,S) 4563010 <b>8.25 Will &amp; Grace</b> (R,S) 5467687 <b>8.55 Frasier</b> (R,S) 9822923 <b>9.30 New Boy</b> (R,S) 18855 <b>10.30 A-Z Of Your Head</b> (R,S) Followed by Tate Modern. (R,S) 66958 <b>11.30 Freshly Squeezed</b> Sketch show. (R,S) Followed by National Gallery. (R,S) 7213 <b>12.00 News At Noon</b> (S) 93381 <b>12.30 The King Of Queens</b> Carrie hires a maid. (R,S) 32768 <b>1.00 Channel 4 Racing From Cheltenham</b> Alastair Down presents live coverage of today's feature races on the first day of the Open meeting. (S) 267132 <b>3.30 Countdown</b> (S) 3656010 <b>4.15 Deal Or No Deal</b> Gameshow, with Noel Edmonds. (S) 3673497 <b>5.00 The New Paul O'Grady Show</b> Suranne Jones drops in for a chat. (S) 2300 <b>6.00 The Simpsons</b> Bart and Lisa help a down-and-out man who claims to have devised the Itchy and Scratchy Show. With the guest voice of Kirk Douglas. (R,S) 395 <b>6.30 Hollyoaks</b> The Dog in the Pond reopens. (S) 497	<b>6.00 Milkshake! The Save-Ums!</b> (R,S) 16955809 <b>6.10 Bear In The Big Blue House</b> (R,S) 26169213 <b>6.40</b> Roobarb And Custard Too (R,S) 75751300 <b>6.50 Hi-5</b> (R) (SL) (S) 6489749 <b>7.25 Rupert Bear</b> (S) 4259300 <b>7.45 Make Way For Noddy</b> (R,S) 5518107 <b>8.00 Fifi And The Flowertots</b> (R,S) 5870279 <b>8.15</b> Peppa Pig (R,S) 2239652 <b>8.25</b> Thomas & Friends (S) 6325364 <b>8.40 Bird Bath</b> (S) 4099861 <b>8.50</b> Mio Mao (S) 4095045 <b>9.00 The Wright Stuff</b> (S) 8131300 <b>10.30 Trisha Goddard</b> (S) 8480478 <b>11.30 five news</b> (S) 3237720 <b>12.00 Home And Away</b> Amanda threatens to call off the search. (AD) (R) (SL) (S) 7065381 <b>12.30 BrainTeaser Quiz</b> 25209652 <b>1.40 FILM: Rescuers: Stories Of Courage - Two Women</b> 1997 (PG) The tales of two brave women who risk everything to aid persecuted Jews during the Second World War. Drama, starring Elizabeth Perkins and Anne Jackson. (S) 50015519 <b>3.50 FILM: I Love You, I Love You Not</b> 1996 (PG) Drama, starring Jeanne Moreau. (S) 6869923 <b>5.30 five news</b> (S) 2226316 <b>6.00 Home And Away</b> Amanda and Beth clash. (AD) (S) 2232229 <b>6.30 In The Grid</b> Quiz show. Followed by Weather. 2134381	<b>6.00 ITV News</b> (S) 96126 <b>6.00 GMTV</b> (W) (S) 8016958 <b>9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show</b> Talk show. (W) (S) 6596590 <b>10.30 This Morning</b> (W) (S) 74300 <b>12.00 This Morning: I'm A Celebrity - Jungle Fever</b> 12869 <b>12.30 Loose Women</b> Chris De Burgh talks about his world tour and performs in the studio. Further music is provided by Angels. Former Coronation Street star Johnny Briggs also drops in. (W) (S) 62132 <b>1.30 ITV News</b> (S) 33497 <b>2.00 The Price Is Right</b> Joe Pasquale hosts. (W) (S) 1671 <b>2.30 Dickinson's Real Deal</b> Joan and daughter Ann seek the opinion of expert Clive Attrell when selling the family jewellery, but his low offer prompts them to consult David Dickinson. (W) (S) 68955 <b>3.28 Local Weather</b> (S) 3407861 <b>3.30 CITV: Pocoyo</b> (W) (S) 5828958 <b>3.35 Mr Bean: The Animated Series</b> (R,S) 1461328 <b>3.55</b> Tricky Quikies (W) 2849294 <b>4.00</b> Horrid Henry (W) (S) 8990497 <b>4.15</b> Bel's Boys (AD) (R) (W) (S) 8973720 <b>4.30</b> The New Worst Witch (W) 710 <b>5.00 The Price Is Right</b> Double bill. Joe Pasquale hosts the classic gameshow. (W) (S) 4958 <b>6.00 Local News</b> (S) 403 <b>6.30 ITV News</b> (S) 855
7 PM	<b>7.00 A Question Of Sport</b> With Olympic champions Kelly Holmes and Adrian Moorhouse. (W) (S) 9949 <b>7.30 My Family</b> Susan gets fed up with doing the housework and decides to hire a cleaner. (R) (W) (S) 671	<b>7.00 The Perils Of The Motorway Pitstop</b> Libby Potter reports on the companies refurbishing Britain's motorway services. (W) (S) 1861 <b>7.30 The Trees That Made Britain</b> Tony Kirkham visits Brighton. (AD) (W) (S) 213	<b>7.00 Channel 4 News</b> Including sport and weather. (S) 278923 <b>7.35 Unreported World</b> The violence surrounding the oil industry in Nigeria, where gangs attempt to sabotage production, prompting harsh reprisals from security forces. (S) 699861	<b>7.00 five news</b> (S) 8709671 <b>7.30 Pimp My Ride UK</b> A 1991 Suzuki Swift GTI is transformed with the addition of bodywork imported from Australia and a new sound system - not to mention a Hollywood-style "Hall of Fame" in the boot. (S) 130565	<b>7.00 Emmerdale</b> Police officers ask Alan to identify Shelly's belongings. (AD) (W) (S) 5687 <b>7.30 Coronation Street</b> Becky makes an appearance in Roy's Rolls, asking an uneasy Hayley if she'll write a job reference for her. (AD) (W) (S) 869
8 PM	<b>8.00 EastEnders</b> Billy struggles to keep a lid on his feelings as Honey sets the wheels in motion for the adoption. (AD) (S) 3039 <b>8.30 Out-Take TV</b> Anne Robinson presents another hilarious collection of blunders and mishaps. (W) (S) 8774	<b>8.00 Johnny Kingdom - A Year On Exmoor</b> Wild boar are let loose in the Devonshire countryside. (AD) (W) (S) 4381 <b>8.30 Gardeners' World</b> Joe Swift recounts viewer's stories of growing chillies. (W) (S) 6316	<b>8.00 The War At Home</b> Dave becomes disturbed by Larry's lack of interest in masculine pursuits. (S) 6749 <b>8.30 The Simpsons</b> Grampa gets his driving licence back to woo a beautiful new resident at the nursing home. (S) 8584	<b>8.00 Pimp My Ride</b> The team spruce up a clapped-out 1967 Ford Mustang. (S) Followed by five news update. (S) 8898519 <b>8.30 Make Me A Supermodel</b> Fearne Cotton hosts the third live elimination show, as four models take to the catwalk. Their efforts are judged by panelists Rachel Hunter, Tandy Anderson, Dylan Jones and Perou - but the final decision rests with viewers at home. (S) 3102774	<b>8.00 Life Of Ryan: Tonight</b> Investigating the low cost airline Ryanair as it attempts a takeover of Aer Lingus. (W) (S) 8107 <b>8.30 Airline</b> Passenger Gillian Waddell arrives at Luton Airport without her passport. (S) 3382
9 PM	<b>9.00 Have I Got News For You</b> Damian Lewis guest hosts the satirical current affairs quiz, with team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. (W) (S) 3010 <b>9.30 Not Going Out</b> Lee has to leave the flat. (W) (S) 29294	<b>9.00 Simon Schama's Power Of Art</b> Jacques-Louis David's painting of The Death of Marat, which saw the artist who made his name working for the French king turn his talents to revolutionary propaganda. (AD) (W) (S) 3749	<b>9.00 Unanimous</b> The contestants panic as the Cash Clock starts ticking down and Kelly becomes distraught as she sees her dream of becoming a millionaire slip away. Kamran is forced to work with Anna. (S) 4045	<b>10.00 FILM: Crying Freeman</b> 1995 (15) An assassin defies his gangland bosses to protect a female target, leading to a deadly battle against a seemingly endless array of killers determined to eliminate him. Engaging action thriller with realistic fight scenes, starring Mark Dacascos, Julie Condra Douglas, Rae Dawn Chong and Tcheky Karyo. Includes five news update at 10.55. (AD) (S) 3247107	<b>9.00 Blue Murder</b> An engraved hip flask found beside human remains in a lake leads Janine to a once successful architect who is now confined to an institution. The ensuing investigation uncovers male rivalries that indicate the man may have good reason to hide his fear behind the pretence of madness. Crime drama, starring Caroline Quentin. Last in series. (W) (S) 6107 <b>10.30 ITV News</b> Including Local News and Weather. (S) 85316
10 PM	<b>10.00 BBC News</b> (W) (S) 62300 <b>10.30 Local News</b> , (W) (S) Weather 480297 <b>10.35 Friday Night With Jonathan Ross</b> The host is joined by Emma Thompson, who talks about starring with Dustin Hoffman in her latest film Stranger Than Fiction. (W) (S) 862294	<b>10.00 QI</b> Stephen Fry hosts the comedy panel game with regular contributor Alan Davies and guests Julian Clary, Jo Brand and Dara O'Brain. (W) (S) 62382 <b>10.30 Newsnight</b> Gavin Esler presents a round-up of the day's events. (W) (S) 81590	<b>10.00 8 Out Of 10 Cats</b> Irreverent panel show hosted by Jimmy Carr. (S) 248045 <b>10.35 Bo! In The USA</b> Avid arranges for his wife to meet former Superman Dean Cain. Emma Bunton and Holly Valance guest star. (S) 114294	<b>12.00 Russ Meyer: King Of Sexploitation</b> Profile of the cult film director, examining the influence his unique brand of over-the-top sex and violence has had on cinema. (R,S) 7025053 <b>1.00</b> The Great Big British Quiz 47444633 <b>5.35-6.00</b> Wildlife SOS (R,S) 93666459	<b>11.00 Hell's Kitchen Final</b> Gordon Ramsay presides as the two remaining competitors, Heather and Virginia, take on the final challenge before the winner is crowned. Last in series. (S) 855720
11 PM	<b>11.35 FILM: Beverly Hills Cop II</b> 1987 (15) Comedy. Eddie Murphy reprises his role as wisecracking Detroit lawman Axel Foley, who revisits Los Angeles to investigate a spate of violent robberies. Eventually, he finds himself up against an illegal arms dealer who uses a glamorous hit-woman to do his dirty work. (S) Followed by Weatherview. 918403	<b>12.40 Originals: BBC Four on BBC Two</b> (W) (S) 7430695 <b>1.40</b> Close <b>2.00</b> BBC Learning Zone 96633 <b>2.30</b> Jump Over Your Shadow <b>7.140 3.00</b> Bringing Home The Bacon <b>6.0695 3.30</b> In The Nick Of Time <b>6.6492 4.00</b> Global Fantasy <b>2 8.7985 4.30</b> Manchester Divided! (S) 61324 <b>5.00</b> Following A Score (S) 28121 <b>5.30</b> Civil War (S) 69343	<b>12.10 The Man To Man With Dean Learner</b> Guitarist Merriman Weir guests on the spoof chat show. (S) 151300 <b>11.40 My Name Is Earl</b> Joy tells Earl he isn't invited to her wedding. (R,S) 108478	<b>12.00 Russ Meyer: King Of Sexploitation</b> Profile of the cult film director, examining the influence his unique brand of over-the-top sex and violence has had on cinema. (R,S) 7025053 <b>1.00</b> The Great Big British Quiz 47444633 <b>5.35-6.00</b> Wildlife SOS (R,S) 93666459	<b>12.40 Make Your Play</b> Interactive game show offering viewers the chance to use their skill and judgement to win nightly cash prizes of up to £50,000. (W) Followed by ITV News. 44105558 <b>4.25</b> Too Many Cooks (R) (SL) (W) (S) 7352121 <b>5.00-5.30</b> ITV Nightscreen 55275
12 midnight	<b>1.20 BBC News 24</b> 41163492				

(S) SUBTITLES (R) REPEAT (AD) AUDIO DESCRIPTION (SL) SIGN LANGUAGE (W) WIDESCREEN



## ITV2

- 9.25 Coronation Street** (AD) (R) (W) (S) 1996923  
**9.55 Emmerdale** (R) (S) 1086045  
**10.25 The Montel Williams Show**  
 Topical debate, 2226958  
**11.10 Judge Judy** (R) (S) 3590836  
**12.30 Coronation Street**  
 (AD) (R) (W) (S) 34213  
**1.00 Emmerdale** (R) (W) (S) 82836  
**1.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show**  
 Talk show. (R) (W) (S) 5797720  
**2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show**  
 Talk show. (R) (W) (S) 1192213  
**3.40 Ricki Lake** (R) 7742768  
**4.30 Sally Jessy Raphael**  
 US chat show. (R) 8421749  
**5.15 Judge Judy** (R) 639942  
**5.45 Celebrity Daredevils**  
 Celebrity Big Brother winner Bez takes charge of some of the world's biggest trucks. (R) 845687  
**6.00 The New Adventures Of Superman** Sci-Fi drama. (R) 15132  
**7.00 The Xtra Factor: The Aftermath** Exclusive news and insider knowledge of the talent show. (R) (W) 43636  
**8.00 The Xtra Factor: Xcess**  
 All Areas. (W) 52584  
**9.00 FILM: Die Another Day** 2002  
 (12) James Bond sets out to exact revenge on the villains responsible for his capture by the North Koreans. Starring Pierce Brosnan. 45078316  
**11.35 James Bond: For Real** The work of the stunt team on the latest Bond film Casino Royale. 472045  
**12.05 Coronation Street** (AD) (R) (W) (S) 7397966 **12.35 The Prestige:** Now That's Magic 2992891 **1.05** Hell's Kitchen Final 8043817 **2.05** Playdate: ITV Play (W) 839072 **4.00** Playalong: ITV Play 87072

## ITV3

- 5.05 ITV3 Nightscreen** 3754039  
**6.00 Survival** (R) 6014749  
**6.55 Film File** 37960316  
**7.05 Peak Practice** (R) 2607749  
**8.05 Inside** (R) 4357687  
**9.05 The Rockford Files** 7835671  
**10.10 Agatha Christie's Partners In Crime** Drama. (R) 7696590  
**11.15 Pie In The Sky** (R) 4443584  
**12.20 Rumpole Of The Bailey**  
 Courtroom drama. (R) 2236039  
**1.25 Faith In The Future** Comedy, with Lynda Bellingham. (R) 5664519  
**2.00 Faith In The Future** Comedy, starring Julia Sawalha. (R) 7079590  
**2.35 Inside** (R) 8264497  
**3.35 Goodnight Sweetheart**  
 Time-travelling comedy. (R) 9724497  
**4.10 The Rockford Files** Detective drama. (R) 7907497  
**5.10 Peak Practice** A local lad has something to hide. (R) (S) 2517381  
**6.15 Goodnight Sweetheart**  
 Gary's sudden personality change shocks Phoebe and Ron. 5483749  
**6.55 Rumpole Of The Bailey**  
 Courtroom drama. (R) 8169316  
**8.05 The Two Ronnies** Vintage comedy. (R) 4403584  
**9.00 LA Baftas** Coverage of the awards ceremony. Guests include Clint Eastwood. 5566294  
**10.00 FILM: In The Heat Of The Night** 1967 (15) Thriller, starring Rod Taylor. 59195045  
**12.10 FILM: Punchline** 1988 (15) 92838492 **2.35** Noah's Ark (R) 2892508 **3.30** Teleshopping 7367427

## ITV4

- 6.00 Married - With Children**  
 Chaotic American comedy. 67848855  
**6.30 Married - With Children** Kelly dumps her boyfriend. (R) 6839107  
**7.00 Now And Again** (R) 59655403  
**8.00 Martial Law** (R) 58568923  
**9.00 Homicide: Life On The Street** The team tackle a triple murder of a divorced woman and her two children. Drama, starring Richard Belzer. (R) 58651687  
**10.00 FILM: Cat's Eye** 1985 (15) Stephen King anthology, with Drew Barrymore. 85150958  
**11.50 Dinner For Five** Daryl Hannah Marilyn Manson and Andy Dick join director Jon Favreau. 21844720  
**12.30 LAPD: Life On The Beat** (R) 55595508 **12.55 LAPD: Life On The Beat** (R) 33429527 **1.25 FILM: Cat's Eye** 1985 (15) With Drew Barrymore. 92323430 **3.15 Married - With Children** (R) 44908091 **3.45** Teleshopping 77002879 **5.45** ITV4 Nightscreen 32278879



BLUE MURDER: ITV1, 9pm

## ALAN FRANK'S TELLY MOVIES

### STAR RATINGS

\*\*\*\*Don't miss it \*\*\*Good \*\*Average  
 \*Time filler \*Garbage!

**THE DAY THEY GAVE BABIES AWAY** (1957) \*\*\* BBC2 1.35-3.15pm. Fact-based melodrama. Pioneering husband-and-wife Cameron Mitchell and Glynis Johns set up home in the United States and then are forced to struggle to ensure their six children enjoy a secure future. Also starring Patty McCormack.

**RESCUERS: STORIES OF COURAGE - TWO WOMEN** (TVM, 1997) \*\*\* Five 1.40-3.50pm. Fact-based drama. Two women who are caught up in WW2 are moved to take action when the Nazis start their persecution of the Jewish population. Co-starring Elizabeth Perkins, Anne Jackson and Sela Ward.

**I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU NOT** (1996) \*\*\* Five 3.50-5.30pm. Drama. Shy Jewish girl Claire Danes is encouraged by her grandmother Jeanne Moreau to be more open when she finds herself struggling to hide her roots from other pupils at a posh prep school. Also starring Jude Law, James Van Der Beek and Kris Park.

**CRYING FREEMAN** (1995) \*\*\*\* Five 10.00pm-midnight. Japanese comic book-based action thriller. Mark Dacascos is kidnapped and hypnotised into becoming an assassin for a secret society but his brainwashing unravels after he falls for a woman who witnesses one of his slayings. Also starring Tchéky Karyo.

**BEVERLY HILLS COP II** (1987) \*\*\*\* BBC1 11.35pm-1.20am. Comedy sequel. Wisecracking Detroit policeman Eddie Murphy comes up against an illegal arms dealer and a sexy female assassin when he investigates violent robberies in Los Angeles. Also starring Judge Reinhold, Brigitte Nielsen and Jürgen Prochnow.

**KONTROLL** (2003) \*\*\* C4 2.20-4.15am. Subtitled Hungarian black comedy thriller. The lives of a group of disillusioned ticket inspectors working on Budapest's underground system are forced to struggle to deal with their increasingly complicated everyday grind. Starring Sandor Csanyi and Zoltan Mucsi.

### REGIONAL VARIATIONS

**BBC1 Variations** WALES: 1.30-1.40 Local News; Weather 2111233 **3.20-3.25** BBC News, Weather; Local News 3317294 **6.30-7.00** Local News 687

**BBC2 Variations** WALES: 7.00 Scrump V Live 18213 **9.00** Gardeners' World 1652 **9.30-10.30** Simon Schama's Power Of Art 25590

**ITV1 Variations** ITV1 ANGLIA: **3.28-3.30** Anglia Weather 3407861 **6.00-6.30** Local News 403 **ITV1 CENTRAL: 3.28-3.30** Local Weather 3407861 **6.00-6.30** Local News 403 **ITV1 MERIDIAN: 3.28-3.30** Meridian Weather 3407861 **6.00-6.30** Local News 403 **ITV1 CHANNEL: 3.25-3.30** Puffin's Play (Joy: Fun with Oscar Puffin and Harry the Hedgehog. 3407861 **6.00-6.30** Local News Weather 403 **6.59-7.00** Local News 559519 **ITV1 WEST: 3.28-3.30** ITV West Weather 3407861 **6.00-6.30** Local News 403 **ITV1 WALES: 3.28-3.30** ITV Wales Weather 3407861 **6.00-6.30** Local News Weather 403 **11.00** It's My Shout 6233 **11.30** Hell's Kitchen Final 188720 **1.10** Make Your Play (ITV1 WESTCOUNTRY: **3.28-3.30** Westcountry Weather 3407861 **6.00-6.30** Local News 403

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## WHAT'S HOT TO WATCH TODAY

**CAROLINE QUENTIN** has hardly had time to get into her stride as DCI Janine Lewis in **BLUE MURDER** (ITV1, 9pm) and here we are with the final episode of the current series. That's the trouble with ultra-short runs - just four stories in this case - and it took the first couple of those to forget her as Maggie in the then just-seen Life Begins.

It hasn't helped that there have been much stronger police dramas around recently, not least Prime Suspect. No wonder the poor woman doesn't smile much.

She and police partner DI Richard Mayne (Ian Kelsey) bow out tonight with a fishy tale about the violent deaths of two anglers. The police

duo's investigations lead them to Paul Cochran (played by ex Holby City favourite Jeremy Sheffield) who, somewhat inconsiderately, gets himself killed, too. Still, Janine can cheer herself up off-duty. Oh... no she can't. Her son's being bullied at school.

THE delights, or otherwise, of a great British transport institution come under the spotlight in **THE PERILS OF THE MOTORWAY PITSTOP** (BBC2, 7pm). Ever since they were first introduced, motorway service stations have been the butt of jokes, condemned for rotten food and sky-high prices. Libby Potter checks them out to see if long-promised improvements have

actually happened. My bet is that she should take a sick-bag and large purse.

FINALLY, it's goodnight from Lee Mack and Tim Vine as surprise comedy hit **NOT GOING OUT** (BBC1, 9.30pm) comes to an end. The potty pair continue to fight for the affections of Kate, with Tim thinking he's back in with a chance when Lee gets a job as a caretaker and moves out of her flat. But he hasn't been gone long before the mad-cap American realises how much she misses him and wants him back. It may not be much of a story but the gags fly thick and fast - and some of them are funny.

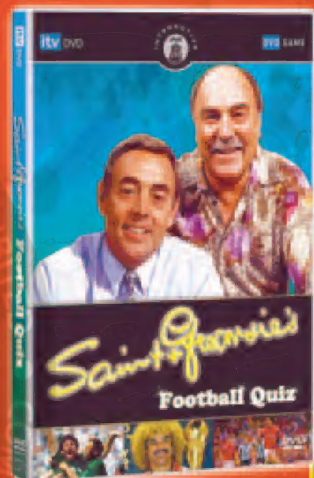
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**...ON LAST NIGHT'S TV**

SORCERY was afoot on the airwaves last night, it seemed, as **THE LAST AZTEC** (C4) worked an unexpected spell on its audience. Prize-winning novelist D.B.C. Pierre grew up in Mexico City, fascinated by the Aztec Emperor Moctezuma and his defeat at the hands of Spanish Conquistador Hernan Cortes. For Mr Pierre - or Peter Warren Finlay as he's really called - the world's indifference to this story is an injustice.

"People bang on about Egypt, Rome and Greece," he ranted in his opening remarks, "which is OK, you know, I mean, we got a few things out of that, but it amazes me that this hasn't been the most studied civilisation in the history of man."

After this shambling, mock-stupid introduc-

tion, we could have been forgiven for switching off right away. But within minutes the presenter had hooked us, dazzling us with a journey into the dark heart of Mexico.

It veered uncertainly between being the road-trip of an Aztec enthusiast, and a history lesson, but we were drawn into a tale that justified the passion of its presenter.

**Greed**

When Cortes landed in Mexico in 1519, the sophisticated Aztecs were flung into confusion, since they believed him to be an ancient god, his return announced by comets, earthquakes and prophecies. An elaborate political ballet took place between Cortes, advancing with his armies towards the capital, and

the all-powerful Moctezuma uncertain whether he was dealing with a spirit or a man. The stunned Spaniards were at treated as honoured guests in a city so beautiful they thought they were dreaming, but it wasn't long before their greed for gold led them to turn on their hosts. Within a short time, this complex society had been destroyed.

There were moments when this mammoth documentary became tiresome - especially when D.B.C. kept pretending to be Cortes in a Spanish accent. But his respect for the Aztec culture made for an impressive experience.

Steeped in Mexican history and culture, it's likely that D.B.C. Pierre genuinely believes, like the Aztecs, in magic. And after being entranced by this programme, so should we.

**FILMS**

**SKY MOVIES 1**

**6.00am The Simple Life Of Noah Dearborn (1999) (PG)** Drama, starring Sidney Poitier. 44669652

**7.35 The Sandy Bottom Orchestra (2000) (PG)** Adventure, starring Glenn Headly. 54938774

**9.20 Racing Stripes (2004) (U)** Family adventure, with the voice of Frankie Muniz. 88714126

**11.05 Big Spender (2003) (PG)** Drama, starring Casper Van Dien. 39746942

**12.45pm Rebound (2005) (PG)** Premiere. Sporting comedy, starring Martin Lawrence. 730565

**2.15 The Sandy Bottom Orchestra (2000) (PG)** Adventure, starring Glenn Headly. 508403

**4.00 Racing Stripes (2004) (U)** Family adventure, with the voice of Frankie Muniz. 17332652

**5.45 Popcorn Comic quiz show.** 170229

**6.15 Big Spender (2003) (PG)** Drama, starring Casper Van Dien. 38755836

**8.00 Rebound (2005) (PG)** Premiere. Sporting comedy. 98316

**10.00 Sleepers (1996) (18)** Powerful drama, starring Brad Pitt. 732381

**12.30am Enduring Love (2004) (15)** Thriller, with Daniel Craig. 312633

**2.15 The Dreamers (2003) (18)** Drama, starring Michael Pitt. 908701

**4.10-6.00 The Simple Life Of Noah Dearborn (1999) (PG)** Drama, starring Sidney Poitier. 573430

**SKY MOVIES 2**

**6.00am Blessings (2003) (PG)** Drama. 68754316

**7.45 Bingo (1991) (U)** Comedy. 40263126

**9.30 Merlin And The Sword (1985) (PG)** Fantasy. 22883294

**11.15 The Pacifier (2005) (PG)** Comedy. 31427949

**1.00pm Blessings (2003) (PG)** Drama. 19634478

**2.45 Bingo (1991) (U)** Comedy. 76650403

**4.30 Merlin And The Sword (1985) (PG)** Fantasy adventure. 48587652

**6.15 The Pacifier (2005) (PG)** Family comedy, starring Vin Diesel. 38757294

**8.00 Category 7: The End Of The World Drama, starring Shannan Doherty.** 2694710

**11.20 Man On Fire (2004) (18)** Thriller, starring Denzel Washington. 25506855

**1.50am Open Water (2004) (15)** Drama. 2308633

**3.15 All-American Girl: The Mary Kay Letourneau Story (2000) (15)** Drama. 386965

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**RADIO**

**Radio 1 (FM: 97.6-99.8 MHz) 7.00** Chris Moyles. 10.00 Jo Whiteley.

**12.45 Newsbeat.** 1.00 Edith Bowman. 4.00 Scott Mills. 6.00

Scott Mills' Floor Fillers. 7.00 Essential Selection With Pete Tong.

**9.00 1Xtra Takeover With Ace & Vis.** 10.00 Annie Mac's Mash Up. 12.00

Fabio And Grooverider. 2.00 In New DJs We Trust. 4.00-7.00 Radio 1's

After Show With The Trophy Twins. **Radio 2 (FM: 88-90.2 MHz) 6.00**

Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Jeremy Vine. 2.00

Steve Wright. 5.00 Stuart Maconie. 7.00 What The World Needs Now -

The Burt Bacharach Story. 7.30 Friday Night Is Music Night. 9.15

Alfie. 9.30 Listen To The Band. 10.00 The Weekender. 12.00 Mark

Lamarr. 3.00 Pete Mitchell. **Radio 5 Live (MW: 909, 693 kHz)**

5.00 Morning Reports. 5.30 Wake Up To Money. 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00

Victoria Derbyshire. 12.00 News. 1.00 Simon Mayo. 4.00 Drive. 7.00

Five Live Sport. 10.00 Stephen Nolan. 1.00 Up All Night.

**Virgin Radio (MW: 1215, 1197, 1242 kHz) 6.00** Christian

O'Connell's Breakfast Show. 10.00 Greg Burns. 1.00 Neil Francis. 4.00

Martin Collins. 6.00 Party Classics. 10.00 Robin Burke. 1.00 The Edge. 3.00 Steve Harris.

**SPORT**

**SKY SPORTS 1**

**6.00am European Tour Golf Champions** Tournament. 11768 8.00 **Victory Shield**

**Football** 99923 9.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial 10687

**10.00 European Tour Golf** 2547316 **2.00pm**

FIFA Futbol Mundial 3403 **2.30 Victory Shield**

**Football** 23720 **4.00 Carling Cup Football**

**28039 5.00 Premier League Preview** 1855

**5.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial** 4294 **6.00**

**Soccer AM's All Sports Show** 26294 **7.00**

**Premier League Preview** The weekend's fixtures. 4519 **7.30 Live Rugby Union**

Newcastle Falcons v Harlequins (Kick-off 7.45pm). 179403 **10.00 Live Friday Night**

**Night** Michael Hunter v Steve Molitor. 10923

**12.00midnight Rugby Union** 47430 **1.30**

**Premier League Preview** 55576 **2.00 Friday Night**

**Night** 23850 **4.00-6.00 Live European Tour Golf** The Champions Tournament. 94362

**SKY SPORTS 2**

**6.00am Aerobics** 3062039 **6.30 Shift Adventure**

**Snowriders** 1869861 **7.00 Aerobics** 3743958

**7.30 Shift Adventure Snowriders** 3659565 **8.00**

**Race World** 7045720 **9.00 Shift Adventure**

**Snowriders** 5000818 **9.30 Aerobics** 9980300

**10.00 Live Pool World Pool Championship.** 5875403 **11.30 Pool** 7641519 **1.00pm Live**

**Pool World Pool Championship.** 3965671 **4.30**

**World Sport** 9305855 **5.00 Transworld**

**Sport** 2202652 **6.00 Endzone** 9976107 **7.00**

**World Sport** The latest events. 2203381 **7.30**

**European Tour Golf** The Champions

Tournament. 9910300 **10.00 Soccer AM's All**

**Sports Show** 4609720 **11.00 Premier**

**League Preview** 6098403 **11.30 ICC**

**Cricket World** 1789497 **12.00midnight**

**European Tour Golf** 9588835 **2.30 Premier**

**League Preview** 2420904 **3.00 Rugby Union**

**4449850 4.30 Watersports World** 8538614 **5.30**

**Shift Adventure Snowriders** 3029324

**SKY SPORTS 3**

**8.00am Rugby Club** 46651942 **9.30 Carling Cup**

**Football** 23924584 **10.00 European Drag Racing**

**52302300 11.00 Racing News** 70819652 **11.30**

**Aerobics** 70810381 **12.00noon Spanish Club**

**Football** 46632809 **2.00 Shift Adventure**

**Snowriders** 69996671 **2.30 NBA Action**

**38486403 3.00 Victory Shield Football** 79256316

**52487045 7.00 Tight Lines** Fishing phone-in. 52057590 **8.00 Endzone** American football

magazine. 52960010 **9.00 Moto Plus** Motor

sport magazine. 70902316 **9.30 Rallycross**

**Super Series** Motor racing. 44046403 **10.00**

**WWE: Late Night - Smackdown** Wrestling

action. 70820768 **12.00midnight WWE: Late**

**Night - Bottom Line** 31032695 **1.00 Endzone**

**47441879 2.00 Shift Adventure Snowriders**

**49636695 2.30 ICC Cricket World** 49648430

**3.00 Tight Lines** 58140966 **4.00 Soccer AM's All**

**Sports Show** 45980508 **5.00 Premier League**

**Preview** 31041343 **5.30 FIFA Futbol Mundial**

**48205169**

**SKY ONE**

**6am Taste** 7.00 **Pokemon** 7.10 **Yu-**

**Gi-Oh!** 8.00 **Malcolm In The Middle** 7.30

**8.30 Malcolm In The Middle** 9.00

**Scrubs** 9.30 **Scrubs** 10.00 **Law &**

**Order** 11.00 **Cold Case** **Noon Buffy**

**1.00 Scrubs** 1.30 **Scrubs** 2.00 **Cold**

**Case** 3.00 **Buffy** 4.00 **Star Trek:**

**Voyager** 5.00 **Stargate** 6.00 **Malcolm**

**In The Middle** 6.30 **Malcolm In The**

**Middle** 7.00 **Simpsons** 7.30 **Simpsons**

**8.00 Football** 9.00 **Road Wars** 10.00

**The Race** 11.00 **Don Joly's**

**Happy Hour** **Midnight Stargate** 1.00

**Mile High** 1.50 **Temptation Island** UK

**2.40 Football** Years 3.30 **Football's**

**Hardest Away** Days 4.20 **Keen Eddie**

**5.10 Dream Team**

**BBC THREE**

**7.00pm The Real Hustle** 7.15 **Robin**

**Hood** 8.00 **Celebrity Scissorhands**

**9.00 Torchwood** 9.50 **Torchwood**

**Declassified** 10.00 **EastEnders**

**10.30 Two Pints Of Lager And A**

**Packet Of Crisps** 11.00 **Two Pints Of**

**Lager...** 11.30 **Celebrity**

**Scissorhands** 12.25am **Electric**

**Proms: Jamiequai** 1.25 **Torchwood**

**2.15 Two Pints Of Lager...** 2.45

**Honey We're Killing The Kids**

**BBC FOUR**

**7.00pm The Secret World Of Haute**

**Couture** 8.00 **The World** 8.30 **Nation**

**On Film** 9.00 **Legends** 10.00 **Sight &**

**Sound In Concert: Supertramp** 10.30

**QI** 11.00 **Lead Balloon** 11.30 **The**

**Avengers** 12.20am **Legends** 1.20

**The Secret World Of Haute Couture**

**2.20 Nation On Film** 2.50 **Lead**

**Balloon** 3.20 **Legends**

**E4**

**6.00am E4 Music: Uninterrupted** 7.30

**Wake Up With John Legend** 8.30

**Whatever You Want** 11.00 **Nothing But**

**2005** **Noon E4 Music: Uninterrupted**

**1.00 Freshly Squeezed** Extra 2.00

**The OC** 2.55 **Beauty And The Geek**

**4.00 Scrubs** 4.30 **Hollyoaks** 5.00

**Friends** 6.00 **The OC** 7.00 **Hollyoaks**

**7.30 Scrubs** 8.00 **Friends** 8.30

**Friends** 9.00 **Spot Treating Me Like A**

**Kid** 10.00 **Unanimous: The Fallout**

**10.30 Film: Alien Resurrection** (18)

**12.35am Porn: A Family Business**

**1.50 Beauty And The Geek** 2.35 **Spot**

**Treating Me Like A Kid** 3.35



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# Just Jane



**JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES  
YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY  
... AND EVERY DAY**

## What did I say?

THIS time last year I was virtually inseparable from a woman at work. We travelled to and from the office and had lunch together every day.

She and her husband came to my parents' 25th wedding anniversary party and we all holidayed in Italy in June.

At one point she even asked my husband and I if we'd like to be godparents to her little boy.

But since September she's simply stopped talking to me. I just don't know what I've done wrong.

Suddenly she's blanking me and I feel dreadful. I feel she's thrown me away.

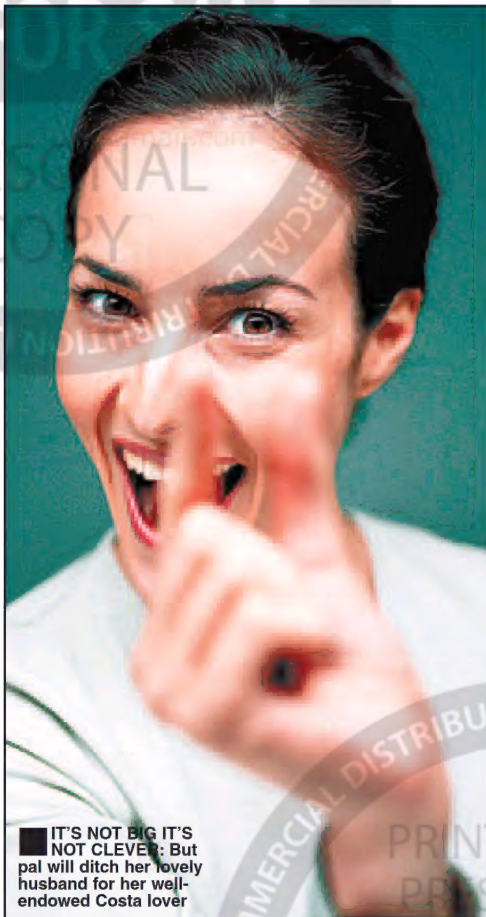
There's so much unfinished business between us, but she won't even look my way for me to talk to her.

**JANE SAYS:** I don't even know this woman, but I suspect that she's played these games her whole life. She doesn't make friends, she takes prisoners.

One minute she's as thick as thieves with her latest pal, the next she's off without a backward glance.

I suspect she's a very complex, messed-up woman. You'll never know what you did to upset her - if it was anything at all.

Put this whole episode down to experience and learn from it. Resolve to keep a respectful and healthy distance from any new friends and never allow yourself to be used again.



**IT'S NOT BIG IT'S NOT CLEVER:** But pal will ditch her lovely husband for her well-endowed Costa lover

# HUBBY IS SET FOR A YULETIDE STUFFING

**OUR closest friend has no idea his wife is planning to leave him just after Christmas.**

She's all set to move to the Costa del Sol to be with her secret - and apparently superbly-endowed - boyfriend. It's all arranged. She'll fly out on January 2 never to return.

Once in Spain she'll file for divorce and demand half of everything her husband owns.

She thinks it's the smartest plan ever. She keeps bragging about how great her new life will be.

And she goes on and on about all the sun, sea and sex she'll enjoy.

Several of us have already heard everything there is to hear on her new lover's massive manhood and

ability to make love all night. Meanwhile, her poor innocent husband, who is not so well endowed, is organising a sumptuous Christmas party - with her as the guest of honour.

He wants it to be a celebration of his undying love for her and their wonderful life together.

We're all due to go round to their place on December 23 for champagne, mince pies and a massive knees-up.

## Shoddy

My friend "the bolter" has warned us all not to say a word.

She says that her husband isn't to suspect a thing and we're all to keep our mouths shut. But this is so hard for me. I hate lying and I'm really bad at it.

I like this bloke enormously. He's a really decent human being and he and I have always been close.

He doesn't deserve this shoddy treatment.

Should I be the one to say something? Otherwise, what should I do?

**JANE SAYS:** I suggest you turn down your invitation to this phoney party and make it clear you don't like it.

If her husband receives enough rejections, then he just might start asking his wife some pertinent questions.

Then your scheming friend may be forced to come clean and admit everything.

By the sound of it, something's got to give before December 23.

Anyway, what do you care about upsetting your friend?

If she's planning a new life in Spain and never intends to come home again, then it doesn't matter how she reacts, does it?

What's important here is that your male friend is treated with as much dignity and respect as possible.

If you're all he's going to have left once his wife bolts, then he needs to know that at least you are genuine.

## WRITE TO REPLY

I RECENTLY received this letter from a reader. She wanted to know what she should do.

**I CAN'T** stand my new partner's kids. They're 9, 12 and 14 and a bunch of manipulative, little brats.

He insists on having them over every other weekend and I dread their arrival. They are too demanding and get in the way.

They and he expect me to run around after them like their mother does. I refuse, and this is leading to huge rows.

The thing is, I didn't even know he had kids when he first asked me out.

Here are some of your answers...

**THIS** relationship is doomed from the start. If your reader can't stand her new partner's kids now - during the honeymoon period - then I don't hold out much hope for the future.

She should accept that she's made a big mistake and move on. **CAROLE LITTLEJOHN, Manchester**

**YOUR** reader needs to be very careful. I liked my partner's children straight away and he took full advantage.

Within a few months he'd asked me to move in and I became a full-time stepmum before realising what was happening to me.

I have been roundly taken advantage of, but feel trapped as I feel sorry for the children.

**Name withheld** SHE sounds like a big kid herself. How can she speak so rudely and so cruelly about a few vulnerable children?

She makes the wicked stepmothers from my childhood books sound almost soft.

The best thing she can do is get out of their lives before she causes any more damage.

**BRENDA STOPES, Maidstone, Kent**

**HERE** is this week's letter. What do you think this reader should do? Your answers will appear in TWO WEEKS.

**MY** girlfriend spends 90 per cent of our dates on her mobile phone.

If she isn't chatting to one of her sisters, then she's texting her mates. It drives me crazy. Her thumbs are constantly twitching. Often I ask her what she's grinning about and she says:

"Nothing."

But I'm sure that lots of the messages are about me and I don't like being discussed.

The other night we went out for a special meal and she didn't even turn it off to eat.

## He's clubbing with gold-diggers

MY husband goes to a nightclub where desperate Eastern European girls taw for Western husbands.

He says he only goes to support his recently-divorced mate, who's looking for a new partner, but I feel very unhappy about this.

He's wasting our money in a seedy club, paying a fortune for

watery drinks and getting cabs home. I fear this place leaves him open to gold-diggers. He says I'm daft and there's no threat to our marriage. He's "just helping out a mate"... but I'm not so sure.

**JANE SAYS:** Some of these girls are determined and ruthless. They

have nothing to lose. What's to stop one going after your husband. Nice house? Nice car? Big salary? Thanks very much.

Your husband is naive if he thinks he's charm-proof.

Tell you what, offer to start going with him in future and see how he likes that.

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Having sex after baby

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# I DIDN'T REALISE WHAT SHE WANTED

Day five



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### Aries

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

A SO-CALLED friend lied, and that hurts. If they'd been open with you and told you the truth, you would happily have paid out of your own pocket - if you had the money. Either way, you could be worth substantially more than you think. Want to know a figure? You'll get an explicit one today. To find out why you could be given the Moon, call...

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### Taurus

(Apr 21 - May 21)

YOU seem unsure about your role in a relationship. But, it's you who could face a barrage of questions. Now you are put in this position, you think you know what to say. Try it anyway - you might be accepted today. Which mode of communication you use is up to you. To see why you can expect an amazing answer, call...

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### Gemini

(May 22 - June 22)

RECENT events have left you feeling lethargic and put out. Apparently, others don't think much of your plans and may try to rope you in today. But what is being organised should work a treat. It certainly makes a pleasant change. That's why it's worth putting in the effort. To see why you are near to the point, call...

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### Cancer

(June 23 - July 23)

NEGOTIATIONS may not have gone the way you wanted. What you are really haggling over is your future happiness - it has nothing at all to do with money. Giving yourself wholeheartedly could get you everything you need. A commitment is required today. You can always break it later. To see why security is in the mind, call...

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### Leo

(July 24 - Aug 23)

THERE is drama in your life as usual. However, what has happened shouldn't be taken too seriously. More talking is needed before you leave for the weekend. Finding a place for everyone could be harder. Not because everything's booked up - it's simply that you may no longer be at home. To see why various ties will remain, call...

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### Virgo

(Aug 24 - Sep 23)

YOU may have put your foot in it, or picked up the wrong thing. You may also find it difficult getting away from work. Despite this, the coming weekend should get off to a good start. You certainly hope that it will, as you have gone to a lot of trouble to plan everything. To see how progress will be made, call...

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### Libra

(Sep 24 - Oct 23)

YOUR financial situation may be a bit suspect. However, it doesn't appear that certain people are being very fair. However, you could be surprised at what you do get. Open the champagne? Not yet, but somebody will drink to you for a different reason. Stay cool. To see why making love is better than making money, call...

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### Scorpio

(Oct 24 - Nov 23)

THINGS may have been fraught on the home front, but less confusing now that you know someone is going. Don't forget, Mercury links up with Mars in Scorpio, and good things happen when you are positive. Be sensible, though. You might want to get involved now - until you try it. To see why a mental block will be removed, call...

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### Sagittarius

(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

YOU may be a little vulnerable, and find yourself having to rely on everyone else a lot. Well, you had better make sure you sort yourself out quickly. However, you might prefer to make some arrangements in private. No doubt others will be pretty startled. The fall-out should be amazing, too. To see why the rest is history, call...

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### Capricorn

(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

IT doesn't bother you in the least that someone has taken advantage. Let them send you the bill. You have lots more in common with another person, and your spirits should be lifted as the weekend begins. It's worth putting in one appearance, even if your diary is full. To see why you need to keep in contact, call...

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### Aquarius

(Jan 21 - Feb 19)

YOU may be totally unflashy - and it's fine to be humble. But you are ambitious, too. Don't worry if you are put in your place. You will receive some recognition today, providing you act professionally. Plain silly? You would never win someone over any other day. To see why you will soon be in a dominant position, call...

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### Pisces

(Feb 20 - Mar 20)

DESPITE having thrown caution to the wind, you probably had to scrap your plans or barely had time to settle this week. Now you could find yourself on the move again. Expect plenty of distractions along the way. Maybe you will base your future on what happens next, even if it's unplanned. To see why these are heady days, call...

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## WE RAISE A GLASS TO THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD BREAKERS

## SNAKES alive!



**OFFICE POLITICS:** Edd China drives his record breaking vehicle past the Houses of Parliament

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So he could join in the second Guinness World Records Day, of course – along with thousands of other madcap competitors.

Jackie Bibby, known as The Texas Snakesman, set the record for the most rattlesnakes held in the mouth on The Morning Show in the USA.

And the event was held in sync with wannabe record breakers from Sweden to Australia.

Highlights included the largest simultaneous kiss in Paris, where a gathering of more than 1,188 red-blooded locals locked lips.

#### Flair

In Canada 2,000 dancers high-kicked around the Hummingbird Centre in Toronto for the longest Can-Can line, and Mexico hosted the most simultaneous games of chess, with 13,446 players taking part.

Closer to home, Brits showed just as much determination and creative flair. Synchronised swimmers from training circuit Aquabats took the plunge in Trafalgar Square's icy fountains in London.

Kathryn Pounder and Rebecca McEnri managed a record 71 ballet leg switches in one minute.

Edd China, who holds several fastest furniture Guinness World Records, managed to design and drive the speediest office – it reached 87mph on a racetrack before he took for a spin in central London. While the world's

#### ■ by MARK JEFFERIES

shortest street at 2.05 metres (6ft 8in) was confirmed as Ebenezer Place in Wick, Caithness.

And Mr Men fan Joanne Black now has the biggest collection of Mr Men and Little Miss memorabilia, with 2,225 items.

MTV's acclaimed new comedy hit Strutter racked up 201 expletives to take the record for most swear words in

a TV programme. Elsewhere across the globe, Italians did what they do best by knocking up a 186-metre line of pizzas.

South Africans sparked a fitness frenzy with the largest aqua aerobics class, lasting six hours.

#### Party

And Kuwait's Finance House broke the record for the largest cheque, which measured 12m by 25m. Meanwhile Japan staged

the largest tea party with 14,718 people enjoying a cuppa with their sushi.

Some 40 dancers claimed a record for the longest dance party marathon, which lasted 55 hours.

Craig Glenday, editor of Guinness World Records, said: "It's clear that being a record breaker is more popular than ever."

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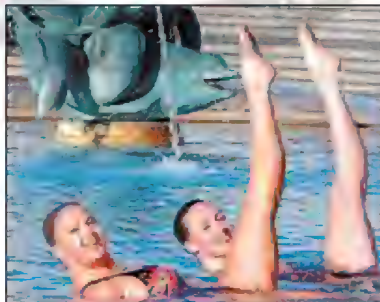
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**WATER BABES:** Kathryn, left, and Rebecca



**CITY OF LOVE:** Couples lock lips in Paris



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☐ my neighbour tragically took his own life monday, he was mentally ill, no support or care, system failed him, R.I.P Magnus. **Stevie**

☐ Great news, oil man quits. Bye 2 Bush too. Let's start loving our world and stop fighting. **well oiled**

☐ Blair is unbelievable. He does not support death penalty for saddam but seemed ok about sending our troops to their death!!!! **SMOKIENO1**

☐ If saddam gets executed, it's by the laws in his land, didn't he know the consequences? **Smiler**

☐ did u c panorama sundance? scum like that should be HANGED. **WISEBLADE**

☐ WHEN CHER-NOBYL BLEW ITS TOP WE GOT FALLOUT HERE. GREEN TAXES WONT CHANGE ANYTHING WE WILL STILL GET CRAP FROM REST OF THE WORLD. **COLIN TALBOT**

☐ wot r the govt going 2 spend all that green tax money on? more speed cameras probably. **gary \***

☐ crashed brand new car within 10 seconds of taking delivery is that a record? **the brushter**

☐ Is it just me wot hates teenagers on mopeds? **PAUL ROSSER**

☐ WEN GASMEN ARE TRYIN 2 GET 2 SLEEP IN DA VAN PLZ DONT PAP YOUR HORNS! **ZZZZzzz sleepy sie**

☐ Re EMT, cant prove there isnt a god? We dont need to, its up 2 all u religious freaks 2 prove there is. Can u? **LARL DISCO DAN**

☐ QUICKDRAW atheists have everything to lose, nothing to gain. **DAD**

☐ to petertosh totally agree mate weed shud b legal us hard working family men cannot enjoy a joint after a hard days graft. **Gav, Newcastle**

☐ 2 The Pm. In 2004 alcohol (4th dangerous drug) and tobacco (9th) caused 136,000 deaths n cannabis (11th) caused 16 in the uk! It shows ur safer if ur high. **Legalise! Haggis**

☐ RE PETERTOSH AMSTERDAM HAS THE RIGHT IDEA, NO HASLE WHEN U TOKE ON A SPLIFF

OVER A CUP OF COFFEE. **JOHN, NEWRY, CO DOWN**

☐ GOOD ON YERSELF BRITNEY. GET RID OV THAT FREE-LOADER "C" RAP ARTIST. **STUMPY**

☐ NE! else think the new all saints tune a copy of girls aloud? **Tez, wakefield**

☐ I know the hoff well but i call him David. **THE HOFFS MUMMY**

☐ ne wudb drummers out ther? check out a Igor falecki on web. Lidi dude is 4yrs old! and he cnt hlf play the drums! **Gecko**

☐ Genesis, the greatest band of all time, touring again is fantastic news. Shame there will be no Steve Hackett though. **Matt, Darlington**

☐ is it me or does anyone else notice that cliff richard, slade and foster and allen must get skint at this time of year? **dezzie**

☐ BORAT? BORING. MORE LIKE. **BOB LONDON**

☐ Which shop do "The price is right" go to? £160 For a toaster? Got mine for £6 from tesco! **ELR33**

☐ y call it im a celebrity wen theres no real celebrities? my mate bum-bellitos more famous. **bad news**

☐ Just saw that article on that 6000 calorie burger - any chance of getting that dark haired waitress on page 3 please? **Scouser D**

☐ ur right chelsea steve. jen ellisons calendar perfection. **MATT ETC**

☐ I AGREE WITH JOHN SE9 JADE GOODY IS A GODDESS. **BARTOS**

☐ John, I also think Jade Goody is lovely! **Will in herts**

☐ can any1 remember whizzball on com64? Wicked game. **Beijo**

☐ It aint over til the fat lady sings. Who is she? **BINZ**

☐ Can any 1 tel me wats v difference between a boat n a ship? **LAZY CARTER, M/BRO**

☐ Any sexy girls in hastings fancy a drink? I just bagged myself £10,000! **tony**

☐ Stand up if u hate derby. **derby dave**

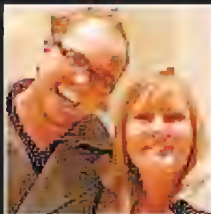
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Me and Alan Carr from the Friday night project, Broadway theatre, Barking. **Jackie Kennedy**

## Those Macs are murder 9

☐ I'm fi scotland and mac brothers are murder! get them out. More talent in ma left nut. **Stu fi edinburgh**

☐ Shaky, its english saddos that make all reality tv! **big wakabusco, ecose**

☐ Shaky, isnt it England getting humped all the time? Scotland hav got a no bad team now. **TAZ the BAIRN**

☐ judgement days gabba room best eva. easter 98 in scotland topped any other rave. **dicky**

☐ 2 all u so called hardcore ravers unless u went 2 Rezerrection "equinox" 95 in edinburgh jus shut up! **JACK**

☐ You dont know what a party was unless you went through the blackburn warehouse era! **woody, st helens**

☐ kinetic was gud but the state and the drone in scouse land wiped the floor wiv it. **jon da don**

☐ Kinetic good? the void in stoke on trent, now thats a club! **bret b**

☐ has to be world dance every time, mickey finn and GQ Ruff! **Gobble, kent**

☐ ravers, if u wanna have a proper mad time, try the rock and blues or bulldog bash! **Real music. spammer**

☐ Zoldrave: never 2 old, just nod ya head! **Happy raver**

☐ Whos all goin to the next fantasia then? **Des**

☐ im startin a petition 2 get edith bowman off radio 1 wanna sign? **BRING BACK MARK & LARD! bobcat, brum**

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The other says: "That's nothing! Mine had a card stuck on her backside which read, 'From all the lads at the fire station we'll never forget you!'"

**SHARON BIRD, Runcorn, Cheshire.**

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THE definition of mixed emotions: Seeing your mother-in-law back off a cliff in your new car. **MULLET, Nottingham.**

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## £10 LETTER

**SO Saddam Hussein faces a date with the hangman.**

It's a good job he wasn't tried in this country. He'd have got off with an Asbo and a hug.

**JOHN McDONALD, South Ockendon, Essex.**

☐ THE American orchestrated trial of Saddam Hussein was a farce and the sentence a foregone conclusion.

When will someone have the bottle to bring Bush and Blair to trial for their crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan?

**EVAN WILLIAMS, Penwortham, Lancs.**

☐ I CAN'T believe Des O'Connor is to host Countdown. Why not give us someone with real glamour who'd brighten up the show? I'd like to see model Nell McAndrew take over.

**P RHODES, Leeds.**

☐ BIG Brother's Pete Bennett wants to get married up a tree (Daily Star, November 7). Let's hope he stays there! Nikki, you've had a lucky escape.

**J. THOMSON, Lisburn, N. Ireland.**

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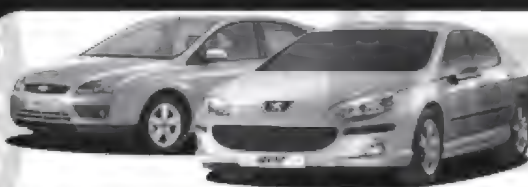


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# It's the business

'Man is no more than a reed...but he is a thinking reed' - Blaise Pascal

## Movers & groovers

**THE Royal Bank of Scotland** finance chief who quit to enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle is making a move back into the financial world - and teaming up with an old chum to boot.

Fred Watts is becoming a non-executive director of investment management group **Old Oak Holdings** whose board also includes the former chairman of Royal Bank, Sir George Mathewson.

One of Watts's key roles will be to advise on Old Oak's hedge fund manager, the operationally inspired Toscafund.

**KAZAKHSTAN** has become the butt of jokes thanks to comedian Sacha Baron Cohen and his fictional reporter Borat, but the country is proud of its history of links to the UK.

Those ties will be celebrated at tomorrow's Lord Mayor's Show when ten Kazakh stunt riders in full costume join the parade through the City of London.

**SIR Christopher Bland**, who bows out as BT chairman at the next AGM, thinks he has "at least one more job" in him.

The 68-year-old founder of **Thames TV** holds various posts including chairman of Edinburgh publishing company **Canongate Books** which has published two of the six titles shortlisted for this year's Man Booker Prize.

**FILLING** in forms and paperwork takes up to 30 hours a week, says a survey of 300 business leaders by **Bibby Financial Services**.

THE DEALER

## HOT GOSSIP

**SHARES** in **Physiomics** jumped nearly 37% yesterday on gossip it had struck a joint venture deal with a major pharmaceutical company thought to be American giant **Eli Lilly**. The AIM-listed firm, which creates computer systems to test drugs, gained 0.18p to close at 0.65p.

## Rivals byte into BT broadband

**BT** yesterday revealed that broadband competition from **Carphone Warehouse** and **BskyB** had squeezed its share of new customers from 30% to 25%. BT shares lost 6.75p to 285p, even though it reported second quarter profits up 29% to £62million.

Chief executive Ben Verwaayen talked down the effects of height-

ened broadband competition in the past three months saying: "The success of the newcomers is at the expense of cable, not so much of BT."

**NTL** this week also revealed its broadband growth had slowed. Of the 9.3m homes now taking broadband via their phone lines, 3m are BT Retail's but another

million have been "unbundled" from BT's network by rivals.

Verwaayen said he would announce new cuts in broadband prices next week which would help fight off the newcomers. Chairman Sir Christopher Bland stuck to his commitment to raise the dividend payout to two thirds of earnings next year.

## FAIR SHARES

**SHARES** in **J Sainsbury** jumped more than 3% after traders got word of a possible private equity approach from **Kohlberg Kravis Roberts**. The grocer's shares, which finished up 12.25p at 414p, were up earlier in the day after Merrill Lynch predicted Sainsbury's will report a 75% surge in underlying profits to £206million at next week's interim results. Both Sainsbury's and **KKR** declined to comment.

# NTL keen on ITV merger

## MEDIA GIANT BID

**CABLE** group **NTL** is to discuss a merger with **ITV** that would create a British media giant to rival **BskyB**.

**ITV** was the biggest riser in the FTSE-100 yesterday, up 6.5p to 112p, valuing it at £4.55billion as it said it would listen to NTL's proposal.

Analysts believe the move might flush out a rival bid from venture capital firms or US media giants.

A deal - likely to be for cash - would help achieve the long-

standing dream of Sir Richard Branson, the largest shareholder in NTL, of putting his Virgin brand on a media empire.

It's understood the move was put together by Branson and NTL bosses Steve Burch, Neil Berkett and Malcolm Wall, a former ITV executive.

### Champ

"The joining of **Flextech** (NTL's production arm) and **ITV's** back catalogue would create a UK media champion," said an insider. "ITV has one of the best content libraries in the world that has never been properly exploited."

ITV's library containing programmes such as **Coronation Street** and **Brideshead Revisited** would vastly increase the potential for new pay-TV channels, Branson believes.

The bid comes at a time when ITV is engaged in a protracted search for a chief executive to replace **Charles Allen**.

Its main channel, **ITV1**, is in need of a shake-up as its revenues fell 8% in the first half of the year, hit by competition from digital TV and the internet.

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**STORM DAMAGE:** Firefighter in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina

## RSA profit hit in hot markets

**HARD** times in the UK commercial insurance markets took the gloss off continued recovery for **More Than owner Royal & SunAlliance** yesterday. Chief executive **Andy Haste** said profits from commercial premiums had fallen from £92million to £77m and warned the market remained extremely competitive.

As a result, shares in the group fell by 3p to 150.5p, despite a 2% growth in underlying profits to £590m for the nine months to September. **RSA** benefitted from not having to shell out on major damage caused by hurricanes, unlike the previous year when Hurricanes **Katrina** and **Rita** devastated the United States.

## FTSE100 SHARE INDEX ▼ Down 7.50 points (-0.12%) at 6231.50

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A.B. Food	884	+28	888	699	1082	Diageo	986	+8	991	823	1029	Ryl Dutch Shell 'B'	192.00	+15	2043	1735	6691
Alliance & Leicester	1110	+17	248	861	1233	Drax	874	+15	1073	538	-	SAB	1093	+36	1196	921	4718
Alliance Boots	810	-1	816	617	1009	DSC Ind.	216	-1	222	146	1020	Sage Grp.	244	+3	263	204	5601
AMVESCO	597	-8	637	383	1124	Ent.Inns.	1118	+4	1128	823	4713	Sainsbury's	414	+12	418	294	1050
Anglo	2466	+12	2549	1726	4949	Experian	581	-5	591	559	-	Scott & Newcastle	549	+1	570	474	1421
Antiplegia	520	-2	530	302	9438	Friends Prov.	210.00	-	218	166	7733	Scott & Nth. Engrg.	1399	-11	1465	972	6027
Astrazeneca	3075	-87	3529	2541	1585	Gallagher Grp.	970.00	-	926	894	2222	Scott Power	725	-3	775	526	6028
Aviva	787.00	-3	850	674	3388	GlaxoSmithKline	1386.00	-18	1577	1366	1024	Severn Trent	1477	-4	1960	877	4015
BAC Sys.	411.00	-2	449	329	1010	Hammerston	1402	+4	1407	955	2260	Shire Pharmcd.	993	+14	1008	700	5200
Barclays	713	-1	725	580	1004	Hanson	750	+4	784	588	1030	Shire Pharmcd.	726	+4	729	528	1433
BG Group	705	-5	782	520	2724	HBOS	1080	-7	1104	867	3333	Slough Estates	726	+2	729	528	1433
BHP Bill	1043	-4	1211	825	2423	Herc. Retail Grp.	415	+4	425	399	-	Smith & Nephew	490.00	-2	571	400	1434
BHP Bill	601.00	+2	612	563	1011	HSCB Hldgs.	1020	-1	1026	910	5562	Smiths Grp.	930.00	-5	1052	831	1437
Br Airways	458	+1	461	305	2528	icap	505	-7	572	344	4476	Stand. Chart	1485	-1	1540	1193	4887
Br Amer. Tob.	1433	-3	1510	1242	1003	Imp. Chem.	392	+1	406	305	1032	Standard Life	290	-1	294	239	-
Br Land	1520	-4	1535	953	1128	Imp. Tobacco Grp.	1875	-2	1880	1601	1271	Tate & Lyle	800	-10	810	496	4656
Bradford & Bingley	456	-2	536	355	1677	Interson Hotel	1053	-3	1061	752	3729	Tesco	384.00	-5	405	303	1095
Bransbys Inds.	505	-2	509	333	1048	Int. Power	343	-	359	235	6025	Unilever	1400	+16	1405	1125	5983
Brit. Engr. Grp.	475	+6	735	404	1514	ITV	112.00	+6	128	94	2145	Utd Utilities	749	+5	754	626	4010
BskyB	554.00	+1	575	478	3382	Johnson Matth.	1464	+4	1510	119	1291	Vodafone Grp.	134	-2	150	105	3537
BT Group	285	-6	291	203	1012	Kazakhmys	1234	-8	1370	575	1357	Walesley	1200.00	+5	1462	1063	2888
Cadbury-Sch.	529	+50	599	498	1016	Kelco Grp.	903	-2	913	710	4018	WPP Grp.	677.00	-706	562	3283	
Cain Energy	1889	+69	2268	1755	5943	Kingfisher	273.00	+1	276	216	5988	Xstrata	2354	-45	2480	1310	2421
Capita Tob.	557	+6	560	384	2363	Land Secs	2141	+6	2148	1464	1035	Yell Grp.	58	-5	625	465	1026
Carnival	2944	+8	3397	2023	2568	Legal&Gen.	147	-1	151	110	1036						
Centrica	345.00	-7	345	230	1810	Le-Int	1380	+1	1381	958	7549						
Compass Group	284	-2	287	200	1963	Lloyds Tsb Grp.	355	-4	381	463	6305						

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## CHEERS FOR SMOKE BAN

**PUBLICANS** in Scotland have given the thumbs up to the smoking ban introduced in March this year.

Giles Thorley, chief executive of Britain's biggest pub group **Punch Taverns**, said many tenants preferred working in a smoke-free atmosphere. **Punch** owns 493 pubs in Scotland and is planning to invest £18million in preparing its 8,800-strong estate in England and Wales for next year's ban, with food a priority.

Thorley was speaking as the company unveiled a 21% rise in pre-tax profits

to £250m on revenues that doubled to £1.5billion for the year to August. The result was driven by the £2.7bn acquisition of **Spirit Group**. Thorley said the acquisition was on track, with 369 out of 1,830 Spirit pubs sold on, and like-for-like sales in the remaining estate up by 6%, compared to 1% for the group as a whole.

In Scotland, turnover fell by 1.5% as growth in food failed to wipe out declines in beer and machine sales. But Thorley said rents from tenants were strong.







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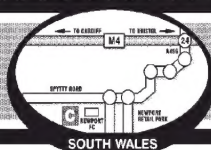
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HALF of drivers think of their car as being male or female, with 17% going as far as to give it a name. Sad, isn't it, but a survey by yesinsurance.co.uk shows that 35% of us think our car is female, whilst 16% say it's male. Amazingly, men are twice as likely as women to give their car a name, with one in 10 choosing from these top 10 names: 1 Betsie; 2 Freddie; 3 Babe; 4 Charlie; 5 Henry; 6 Rita; 7 Cleo; 8 Jasper; 9 Girl; 10 Gilbert. Oh dear.

# MOTOR MOUTH

# Small wonder



## IMAGE RATING

HERE'S how the Toyota 1.3 T-Spirit fares image-wise.

**REAR MIRROR MONSTER:** It's swept back, OK, but trouble is the new car's gone so far back it looks like a boiled egg. Not a monster.

**BACKSIDE BEAUTY:** If you want it to be beautiful, and you've bought one, it is. In the real world, it's like any other small hatch. Dull.

**PLAYTIME PLEASER:** Air-con, trip computer, electric windows and mirrors, remote locking, CD-stereo.

**NAUGHTY NIGGLES:** Horrible, rubbery, gear-lever

gaiter. Very Allegro 70s and not in the least bit nice to touch.

**TASTY TOUCHES:** So much safety kit it actually won a five-star Euro NCAP rating. Impressive.

**FAST OR LAST:** Slow, slow, slow, but a decent cruiser.

**WONGA WONDER:** Phew! What do you want? Put it up against rivals like the Fiesta, Corsa and Clio and just get the best deal.

**WOULD AN ESSEX GIRL LIKE IT?** Definitely. Tracey would be a perfectly happy trendy babe in her little Yaris.

## THIS IS YOUR DREAM MOTOR

THIS is the perfect creation, right. It's everybody's idea of what a car should be like.

Shame then, that it doesn't exist. The ideal car is the result of a survey by website New Car Net who asked people to describe their favourite cars and accessories. See if

you can work out which three cars it's made from, especially where the wheels come from.

Okay, you've had long enough now. The front end is a Porsche Boxster and the rest is the new Jaguar XK, only stretched to accommodate the four seats favoured by 68% of

people. The interior simply has air con, leccy windows and power steering.

Nobody bothered about rain-sensitive wipers, light-sensitive lights and heated seats. Who can blame them?

And the wheels? They're from a Toyota Avensis. Honest.







## By GEORGE FOWLER

**MESSAGE to Daniel**  
 Craig, star of the latest Bond movie, *Casino Royale*: Why don't you buy the personal registration plate D007 DAN, then you can look a right prat? The plate is one of seven million 07 registrations you can search for online from Monday by visiting [www.dvlaregistrations.co.uk](http://www.dvlaregistrations.co.uk). Once you've found your plate, call 0870 6000 142, which opens at 8am on December 5. You will, of course, have to wait until March before you can use it.

### FACTFILE

Toyota 1.3 T Spirit, four-door.

**PRICE (on the road):** £11,810 (range: £7,995 - £13,280).

**ENGINE:** 1,296cc, all-alloy, 16-valve, DOHC, with variable valve timing (86bhp, 89lb torque).

**TOP SPEED:** 106mph; 0-62mph: 11.5secs.

**MPG:** Urban: 39.2; extra urban: 53.3; combined: 47.1.

**CO<sub>2</sub>:** 141g/km.

**INS GROUP:** 4.

**HERE'S a good idea ... not. Get back to the airport from the worst holiday you've ever had, find your way to the long term car park, then get off at the wrong bus stop.**

I did exactly that last week on my return from Corfu ... a place I shall never, ever, visit again.

'Er in the passenger seat's covered in mosquito bites. Me? Oh I've just got them all over my arms, legs, face and bum.

It's not funny is it. My luxury break in a "bungalow" in a five-star, all-inclusive paradise, was a week in an upstairs room, with a bathroom and a balcony. All inclusive? You had to pay for bar drinks and ice-cream for kids only.

Still, they were right about the beach. It actually was "only 200 metres" from the hotel - a wasp-infested strip of mud and stones at the bottom of a cliff.

### Beggars

Back at the airport, searching around for the Yaris would probably have driven most folk insane. But not me.

It was a joy to be able to walk around without fighting off mosquitoes, wasps, cats, dogs ... oh sorry, I forgot to mention the cats and dogs. They were our uninvited guest beggars at meal times.

Finally, after 20 minutes lumping around the car park, I found the Yaris, strangely in exactly the same spot where I'd left it. That was when it dawned on me that I'd got off at the wrong stop.

Dumbo (that's me) drove back to a bus stop in the distance, where me and 'er loaded two suitcases into the boot.

Well, when I say "boot", in the case of the Yaris it will take one suitcase. The other went on the back seat.

Who cares? Not me, just delighted to be back home and at the wheel of a totally satisfactory little motor that does two million mpg and won't win you any

money-grabbing, speeding tickets. In fact, even the up-market 1.3-litre version of the Yaris that I was driving was so slow from the lights, it made you wonder what on earth the 1.0-litre version could be like. Probably mowing the lawn.

And then, as I drove along, it hit me. I was actually doing an absolutely criminal, "Oh I'm sorry please lock me away" 95mph on a deserted dual carriageway.

That's right. I admit it. Shove me in a cell (or at least get the 60 quid) because I did 95mph in a tiny motor, in silence.

*Yep, total silence. That's how good the Yaris is.*

This baby-mobile is going to get you locked up, with its mighty 86bhp motor and way over-the-limit 106mph top whack. I suppose, for the outrageous speed I hit in the Yaris, Plod would have given me a massive bollocking, and all that nanny-crap "speed kills" garbage, before taking the state's 60 quid stealth tax off me, for daring to hit 95mph on an empty road, but fact is, according to latest figures, just 5% of accidents are caused by speed.

Most are caused by people not taking enough attention, but I can assure you that at, say, 100mph in a Mitsubishi Evo FQ 360 you are definitely giving it 100%.

Hey ho, back to the Yaris, and I'm sure you won't blame me for being not, how shall we say "totally involved" with the subject this week.

### Changed

And that's because despite the "new" Yaris being launched at the beginning of this year, I couldn't find a lot different about it to its predecessor, which was Car Of The Year in 2000 anyway.

Apparently, the chassis has changed. Why? It's a little car that is just the same - brilliant.

You still get the same space-age dashboard and you still get the best small car on the market by a mile.

Say hello to the 2006 Toyota Yaris, every bit as good as the original.

## FORD SET FOR 30 YEARS AT THE TOP

**NEW** car registrations rose by 1% in October to 153,851. The total for the year, however, is down by 3% to 2,055,739. Diesel registrations for the month hit their highest ever figure of 64,128. Ford, meanwhile, are heading for their 30th successive year as Britain's top selling car brand. They took almost 17% of the entire October market.

### OCTOBER SALES

- 1 Ford Focus 9,665
- 2 Vauxhall Astra 7,263
- 3 Ford Fiesta 6,353
- 4 Vauxhall Corsa 5,008
- 5 Renault Mégane 4,965
- 6 VW Golf 4,365
- 7 Renault Clio 3,600
- 8 Ford Mondeo 3,427
- 9 Vauxhall Zafira 3,363
- 10 Peugeot 207 3,146

### THE YEAR SO FAR

- 1 Ford Focus 121,000
- 2 Vauxhall Astra 92,731
- 3 Ford Fiesta 92,277
- 4 Vauxhall Corsa 62,667
- 5 Renault Mégane 55,971
- 6 VW Golf 53,367
- 7 Renault Clio 52,401
- 8 Ford Mondeo 42,854
- 9 BMW 3 Series 41,258
- 10 Vauxhall Zafira 41,221

**FOUR-and-a-half grand would be a lot to pay for a sound system for your house, never mind a car. But that's how much 3,000 Audi A8 customers have lashed out for a Bang & Olufsen Advanced Sound System, recently voted the world's best audio by motoring journalists. It features speakers made from anodised aluminium, the same material used to produce the car body. Its 14 speakers, acoustic lens technology and powerful digital amplifier produce more than 1,000 watts. When it's turned on, two tweeters rise from the dashboard. They disappear when it's turned off. At least 50 grand for the car, plus the speakers? I sometimes wonder what world I'm living in, and it's clearly not the right one.**

## BRAVO FOR FIAT

**IF** this looks familiar, so it should, because it's the new Fiat Bravo, dramatically changed from the old one, but still, clearly a Bravo. I like it.

It goes on sale throughout mainland Europe during the next few weeks, but right hand drive versions won't arrive in the UK until next summer, when you can say goodbye for ever to the ill-fated Stilo, which never lived up to Fiat's high expectations.

There's a choice of five ultra fuel-efficient engines, of which three are diesel, with prices starting from around £13,000.

The old Bravo was certainly a

hard act to follow. It was light, bright and brilliant.

However, with a length exactly the same as a Ford Focus, Fiat promise "a compact five-door (five?) with a remarkable amount of interior space."

Overall, it looks good, but I'm not sure whether this black windscreen is a good idea.

After all, how are drivers supposed to see where they're going?



## GIVE US A STEER

**Q** WHAT'S the latest and best off-roader I can buy for £25,000?

**A** If you're looking for badge prestige above everything else, how about the Porsche Cayenne?

To many it's the sort of car the company shouldn't be making. The high performance off-roader might share a few design details with the iconic 911, but it looks heavy and cumbersome...

but, heavy, yes, cumbersome, no. It offers more agile on-road performance than any other serious off-roader. We've seen 2003-registered 4.5 V8 models for £24,850, but it's possible to find automatic V6 models for the same money. Most of these cars will also be loaded with options.

**Q** Are there any drawbacks to buying from a

dealer's used approved scheme?

**A** Approved Used cars tend to be more expensive than cars from independent dealers - the cost of warranties, inspections and breakdown cover bump up the price.

Even after hagling with the salesman, you're still likely to be paying more than elsewhere, although as a package, the benefits represent good value.

Make sure you're not duplicating cover you already have - do you need the breakdown cover, for example? The salesman may try to push you into taking their finance. It's rarely cheap and you can usually find a better rate from a bank.

If you're browsing the forecourt, be careful - not all cars sold by dealers are Approved Used.

## WIN A FAB SAT-NAV SYSTEM

**WANT** a sat-nav system? This week I've got TWO amazing slimline Roadstar Navigazione units to give away.

This little gadget comes with a high resolution, LCD touch screen display. Address searches can even be made via postcodes, while as well as finding your destination, it will also entertain you with its MP3 jukebox. With 512MB memory, you can download MP3 tracks to play through your car stereo or headphones.

The Navigazione is transferable between vehicles and needs no permanent

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# MOTOR MOUTH EXTRA

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HERE'S the latest motor to get its name from a desert tribe ... the Nissan Qashqai. Latest? Well, we've already got the VW Touareg, which, like the Qashqai is a nomadic desert tribe.

The Touareg, as you probably know, come from the Sahara desert,

mostly in the northern reaches of Mali, near Timbuktu and Kidal.

The Qashqai, on the other hand, live near the Zagros mountains in south-western Iran.

And the car? Well, it looks big and butch in this picture, but actually it's a Focus-sized motor with high-seating, a

panoramic glass sunroof and a choice of 2.0-litre or 1.6 petrol engines and 2.0-litre and 1.5-litre diesels.

Expect it to start at around £15,000 when it goes on sale in March. So what's next? How about an Amthara?

As you probably know, these are the

politically and culturally dominant ethnic group of Ethiopia.

They live mostly in the central highland plateau of Ethiopia and make up the major population in the provinces of Begemder and Gojjam and in parts of Shoa and Wallo. Now you know.

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# Put brakes on this killer...

by GEORGE FOWLER  
Motoring Editor

**A THIRD of all cars could suffer brake failure without warning.**

And as if that's not bad enough, half the cars on Britain's roads have defective braking systems.

These shock figures are the result of tests carried out by independent garages on behalf of car care company, Comma.

A whopping 29% of brake systems were so poor drivers were unwittingly risking their lives every day.

## Problem

The firm checked the quality of the brake fluid – the liquid which allows the braking system to work – of nearly 700 vehicles, many of them family cars, across the country.

Over a period of time brake fluid absorbs water from the atmosphere, which reduces its effectiveness by lowering its boiling point.

Brake fluid testing experts, Alba Diagnostics, recommend replacing defective fluid when it begins to boil at 200 degrees Celsius.

Anything below 180C is potentially lethal but, shockingly, some of the cars tested by Comma were as low as 100C – the boiling point of water.

At one testing station an amazing 70% of vehicles were defective, with 44% of those unroadworthy.

The problem has been labelled the "silent killer" by experts, given its phantom characteristics of sudden, unexpected brake failure.

Comma spokesman Mike Bewsey

said: "One minute your brakes are working, the next they aren't."

"Once your brake fluid is contaminated, there is a much greater risk that it will boil. This can happen under stop-start conditions, heavy braking or towing. There is no warning, and once the brake fluid has cooled down again braking function appears normal."

**Poor brake fluid could be responsible for thousands of serious accidents every year, warn Comma.**

Bewsey adds: "There is a real lack of knowledge among drivers of the importance of brake fluid, and how it works."

"Brake fluid is a safety critical item and it's important that this is recognised and its boiling point tested on a regular basis."

Phantom brake failures are tricky

for police to pinpoint, because if the brakes are tested mechanically after an accident, when the fluid has cooled down, braking functions will appear normal.

Only by testing the boiling point can the real cause be identified. The situation has been looked at by the Collision Investigation Unit at the Metropolitan Police.

## Victims

Acting Chief Inspector Mick Turner said: "We see too many victims of road accidents every year who have suffered a crash simply as a result of not maintaining their car properly."

"Drivers must make sure their car is safe, and that includes things that they might not normally think to check, such as brake fluid."